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# Joe Walsh becomes second Republican to challenge Trump in 2020 GOP primary

Former Mass. Gov. Bill Weld welcomed him to the race.

Joe Walsh, a conservative former U.S. congressman-turned-talk show host, on Sunday became the second Republican to challenge President Donald Trump for the party's 2020 White House nomination.

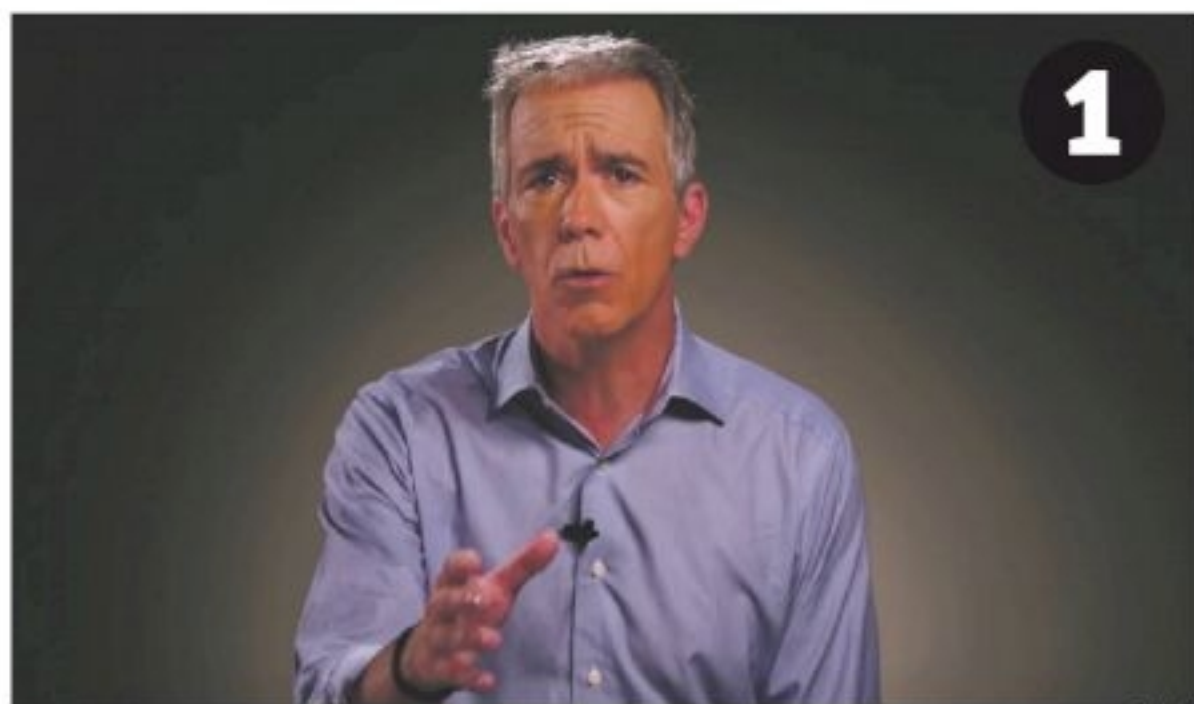
Walsh criticized Trump, who has strong support among Republicans, as a bully who is unfit for office as he announced his long-shot bid.

"I'm running because he's unfit," Walsh, 57, told ABC's "This Week" program. "Somebody needs to step up."

"He's a bully and he's a coward and somebody needs to call him out," Walsh said. "The bet ... of my campaign is that there are a lot of Republicans that feel like I do. They're afraid to come forward."

Asked to respond to Walsh's criticism of the president and decision to run, Trump's spokesman replied, "Whatever."

The Republican National Committee, which is responsible for over-



Joe Walsh.

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seeing party processes like primaries, dismissed Walsh's announcement. The party has already combined operations with Trump's reelection campaign, including holding joint events.

"President Trump enjoys unprecedented support among Republicans. He has already delivered a long list of incredible accomplishments for conservatives and the country. Republicans are firmly behind the president and any effort to challenge him in a primary is

bound to go absolutely nowhere," Republican Party Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said in a statement.

Walsh won a House of Representatives seat from Illinois as a candidate of the Republican Party's fiscally conservative Tea Party movement in 2010, but he was defeated by Democrat Tammy Duckworth in his 2012 re-election bid. After leaving Congress, he became a Chicago-area radio talk show host.

Bill Weld, a former Massachusetts governor, had been the only Re-

publican trying to unseat Trump but his candidacy has so far failed to gain traction.

Former U.S. Rep. and South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said in July he was considering a primary challenge because of the rising federal debt.

Weld, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, said he welcomed Walsh's entry into the race and would welcome Sanford as well.

"It can only contribute to more robust dialogue and that will be good for

the country," he said. "We need to assemble rational people."

**"I helped create Trump. There's no doubt about that: the personal ugly politics. I regret that and I'm sorry for that. And now we've got a guy in the White House ... that's all he does."**

Joe Walsh

Any Republican challenger will face a formidable re-election effort mounted by Trump, who has consolidated his grip on the party's national and state machinery. A Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted Aug. 19-20 showed 87 percent of Republicans approve of his performance in office.

Walsh said he was undeterred. "I think this thing ... will catch on like

wildfire," he said.

Walsh sought to address expected criticism about his past affiliation with the Tea Party, a confrontational populist splinter group of the Republican Party.

"There were plenty of times I went beyond the policy and the idea differences, and I got personal and I got hateful," Walsh said. "I said some ugly things about President Obama that I regret. And, and it's difficult, but I think that helped create Trump, and I feel responsible for that."

"The beauty of what President Trump has done ... he's made me reflect on some of the things I said in the past. I had strong policy disagreement with Barack Obama and too often I let those policy disagreements get personal."

Walsh said his attitude contrasted with what he said was Trump's refusal to apologize for anything.

"I helped create Trump. There's no doubt about that: the personal ugly politics. I regret that and I'm sorry for that. And now we've got a guy in the White House ... that's all he does." REUTERS

## Lightning strike injures 6 at PGA Tour Championship

**2** Six spectators were injured when lightning struck a tree during the third round at the Tour Championship in Atlanta on Saturday. The strike occurred 28 minutes after play was halted when thunderstorms hit the East Lake Golf Club, Tour rules official Mark Russell said on the NBC broadcast. The PGA Tour said two lightning strikes had hit the course. "At 4.45 p.m., there were two lightning strikes at East Lake Golf Club ... and

debris from one strike injured four people," the Tour said in a statement. "(Emergency personnel) tended to those fans and two others immediately ... Our latest report is that their injuries do not appear to be life-threatening." Professional golf tournaments became far more vigilant about stopping play amid the threat of lightning after two spectators were killed at separate major championships in the United States in 1991. REUTERS

## Barcelona beach evacuated after explosive device found

**3** A beach in Barcelona was evacuated on Sunday after police found an explosive device in the water that appeared to be old, possibly dating back some 80 years to the Spanish Civil War, a Civil Guard spokeswoman said. Police established a security perimeter of 250 meters (800 feet) around the device off the Sant Sebastia beach, one of Barcelona's most popular beaches. Navy

specialists will arrive on Monday to deactivate the device, which could date back to the 1936-1939 Civil War, the spokeswoman said, adding the closure would remain in place until the area is made safe. The device, located at a depth of 3 meters (10 feet) and 25 meters (80 feet) from the shore, was found by an off-duty police diver who happened to be swimming in the area, she added. REUTERS

## Australia to block extremist content online during crises

**4** Australia will block access to internet domains hosting terrorist material during crisis events and will consider legislation to force digital platforms to improve the safety of their services, officials said on Sunday. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who is in France to take part in the G7 leaders' forum, said the government intended to prevent extremists from exploiting digital platforms to post extremely

violent content. "We are doing everything we can to deny terrorists the opportunity to glorify their crimes," he said in a statement. Australia and New Zealand have increased scrutiny of websites and social media companies in the wake of the Christchurch massacre in March, when 51 worshippers were killed in attacks on two New Zealand mosques. The attack was livestreamed by alleged gunman Brenton Tarrant over Facebook. REUTERS



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## NEWS

# G7: White House steps in to clarify Trump's 'second thoughts' on China tariffs

Mixed messages from president continue at annual summit.

President Donald Trump wishes he had raised tariffs on Chinese goods even higher last week, the White House said on Sunday, even as Trump signaled he did not plan to follow through with a demand that U.S. firms find ways to close operations in China.

Trump raised eyebrows on the sidelines of a G7 summit when he responded in the affirmative to questions from reporters on whether he had any second thoughts about raising tariffs on Chinese goods by 5 percent.

"President Trump responded in the affirmative because he regrets not raising the tariffs higher," White House spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham said in a statement afterward that sought to clarify the president's remarks.

Trump announced the additional duty on some \$550 billion in targeted Chinese goods on Friday, hours after China unveiled retaliatory tariffs on \$75 billion worth of U.S. goods.

The move was the latest round in a tit-for-tat trade war between the world's two largest economies that has damaged global growth, upset allies and raised market fears that the world economy will tip into a recession.

It came just hours after Trump said he was ordering U.S. companies to find



President Donald Trump.

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"alternatives" to China, including closing operations there and moving production to the United States.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Trump could order companies out of China under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act if he declared a national emergency.

Trump indicated on Sunday that he was not planning such a step at this time, however.

"I could declare a national emergency. I think when they steal and take out, and — intellectual property theft, anywhere from \$300 billion to \$500 billion a year, and where we have a total loss of almost a trillion dollars a year ... in many ways, that's an emergency," he said.

"I have no plan right now. Actually, we're getting along very well with China right now. We're talking," Trump said.

Mnuchin said the presi-

dent did want U.S. businesses to start looking to shift investments away from China, saying they would be better off in the event the U.S.-China trade war lasted for a long time.

"We want them to be in places where they're trading partners that respect us and trade with us fairly," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

**"SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT EVERYTHING"** During his meeting with Johnson on Sunday in France, Trump was asked if he had second thoughts about his latest escalation.

"Yeah, sure. Why not?" he said.

The reporter repeated the question and Trump replied: "Might as well. Might as well."

A second reporter followed up again, asking if he had second thoughts about escalating the trade war with China.

"I have second thoughts about everything," Trump

responded.

Asked to clarify Trump's remarks, Mnuchin, who is one of the lead U.S. negotiators in trade talks with Beijing, said Trump remained resolute in trying to force concessions from China.

Another top official said he did not think Beijing would retaliate for the latest increase in tariffs.

"I think his was an action to respond to their action. So I doubt whether they're going to take another step," White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said on CBS's "Face the Nation" program. "We'll have to wait and see."

Mnuchin said Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping were now "enemies" on trade, despite an otherwise good relationship.

"President Xi is still his friend," he said. "But as it relates to trade, we have become enemies. We're not making progress." **REUTERS**



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# Explainer: Why are the Amazon fires sparking a crisis for Brazil — and the world?

A record number of fires ravaging the Amazon has drawn international outrage because of the rainforest's importance to the global environment and prompted Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro to dispatch the military to assist in firefighting.

Here is what you need to know about the disaster.

## WHY DOES THE AMAZON MATTER?

The Amazon — 60 percent of which is in Brazil — is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is considered a biodiversity hot spot, with many unique species of plants and animals.

The dense jungle absorbs a huge amount of the world's carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas believed to be the biggest factor in climate change, so scientists say that preserving the Amazon

is vital to fighting global warming.

## HOW BAD ARE THE FIRES?

Forest fires in all of Brazil have hit the highest level since at least 2013 and are up 84 percent this year to Aug. 23, compared to the same period a year ago, according to Brazil space research agency INPE. There have been 78,383 fires so far this year, with roughly half of those in August alone.

Eight out of nine Amazon states have seen an increase, with the largest state of Amazonas seeing a 146 percent rise.

## WHAT CAUSED THE FIRES?

Fires in the Amazon are often set on purpose to clear land. After loggers extract wood, speculators burn the remaining vegetation to clear it in hopes of selling the land



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to ranchers. The Amazon is several months into its dry season during which fires can more easily spread out of control.

Environmentalists say those setting the fires have been emboldened because they hear Bolsonaro calling for more development of the Amazon and think they will not be punished.

Deforestation has risen 67 percent year-on-year in the first seven months of 2019 and more than tripled in July alone. Environmentalists believe those deforesting are the same people starting the fires.

## HOW HAS BRAZIL'S GOVERNMENT RE-ACTED?

Bolsonaro initially suggested that the fires were normal, then said that non-government organizations themselves were setting the fires to hurt his government. He did not present any evidence and later backed off from that claim.

Bolsonaro has said that the country does not have the resources to fight the fires in an area as large as the Amazon, while also warning other countries not to interfere, saying that foreign money was aimed at undermining Brazil's sovereignty.

The government has now decided to mobilize the military to fight the fires, and several Amazon states have subsequently requested support.

## WHAT DO WORLD LEADERS SAY?

French President Emmanuel Macron has called the fires an international

emergency and "ecocide."

Macron's office said in a statement that it would oppose eventual approval of the free trade deal between the European Union and the South American trade bloc Mercosur, because Bolsonaro lied about environmental concerns at June's G20 summit when it was first agreed to.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have said they are concerned but said that blocking the trade deal was not the right response.

On Sunday, Macron said leaders of the U.S., Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada were finalizing a possible deal at their annual summit on "technical and financial help" for the countries affected by the fires, including Brazil.

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# Boston zip codes turn up silver for residents

*Sealed Vault Bags full of heavy silver bars are actually being handed over to the first Massachusetts residents who find their zip code listed in today's publication and call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to claim the bags full of valuable silver*

NATIONWIDE - Operators at the National Silver Hotline are struggling to keep up with all the calls.

That's because Silver Vault Bags loaded with a small fortune of .999 pure Silver Bars are now being handed over to everyone who beats the 2-day order deadline.

"It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Massachusetts residents will be hoarding all the silver bars they can get their hands on for the next 2 days. This comes as no surprise after the standard State Minimum set by the Federated Mint dropped 42%, going from \$50 per bar to just \$29 making these Silver Vault Bags a real steal," said Mary Ellen Withrow, the emeritus 40th Treasurer of the United States of America.

"As executive advisor to the private Federated Mint, I get paid to deliver breaking news. And here's the best part. This is great news for Massachusetts residents because it's the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint," said Withrow.

The only thing residents need to do is find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code is on the list, they need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline before the 2-day order deadline ends.

Residents who do are cashing in on the record low State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. This is a real steal for residents because each Silver Vault Bag loaded with 10 Massachusetts State Silver Bars is normally set at \$500 which is the standard \$50 per heavy half ounce bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. But here's the good news. Residents who call today get the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each Massachusetts Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline at; 1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM2246 before the deadline ends.

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**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS CASH IN:** It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Everyone's scrambling to get their hands on the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags pictured above before they're all gone. That's because residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code printed in today's publication are cashing in on the lowest ever State Minimum price set for the next 2 days by the Federated Mint.

► **Who gets the Silver Vault Bags:** Listed below are the U.S. zip codes that get the Silver Vault Bags. If you find the first 3 digits of your zip code immediately call: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM2246**

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cisely 8:30 A.M. this morning and are expected to be flooded by Massachusetts residents looking to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint to date. That's why Boston area residents who find their zip code on the distribution list today are being urged to call immediately.

Since this special advertising announcement can't stop dealers and collectors from hoarding all the new 2019 Edition Massachusetts State Silver Bars they can get their hands on, the Federated Mint had to set a strict limit of three Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags per resident – these are the bags everyone's trying to get because they contain 10 individual Silver Vault Bags each. Everyone who gets these will feel like they just hit the jackpot.

"Residents who want to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint better hurry. That's because in 2 days, the State Minimum for these heavy half ounce Massachusetts State Silver Bars returns to the normal State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of \$50 per bar," Withrow said.

"We're bracing for all the calls and doing the best we can, but with just hours left before the deadline ends, residents lucky enough to find the first 3 digits of their zip code listed in today's publication need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline," Withrow said. ■



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► **How much are the Silver Vault Bags worth:** It's hard to tell how much these Silver Vault Bags could be worth since they are highly collectible, but those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes back up to \$500 per bag after the deadline ends. So you better believe that at just \$290 the Silver Vault bags are a real steal for everyone who beats the deadline.

► **Can I buy one State Silver Bar:** Yes. But, the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$29 per bar applies only to residents who purchase a Silver Vault Bag(s). That means only those residents who order a Silver Vault Bag(s) or the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bag(s) get the \$29 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. All single bar purchases, orders placed after the 2-day deadline and all non-state residents must pay the standard \$50 per heavy half ounce Bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint.

► **Why is the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint so low now:** Thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to get the silver at the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint. Now all residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication are getting the Silver Vault Bags for themselves and all the solid .999 pure State Silver Bars found inside. The price for each Silver Vault Bag is normally set at \$500 which is the standard \$50 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint, but residents who beat the 2-day deadline only cover the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each State Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline before the deadline ends at: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM2246**. Hotlines open at 8:30 A.M.



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High school students can use that data to apply where they will be strong candidates, boosting their chances of admission and financial aid. Here's what to look for.

Use the data to find

### your best match

Each year, colleges supply reams of admission and financial aid statistics, known as the Common Data Set, to satisfy the demands of various education publishers, says college consultant Lynn O'Shaughnessy. The information can be found by searching for the college's name and the phrase "common data set," or at college comparison sites such as CollegeData.

Among other figures, the statistics for each school include:

**The cost to attend.** How much student loan debt the average graduate incurs. What percentage of applicants are accepted. Average grades and test scores of incoming freshmen. At Stanford University, for example, 75 percent of incoming students for the 2016-2017 academic year scored 700 or above on their math SATs (the top score is 800), 94 percent had grade point av-



erages above 3.75, and 95 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Top-flight grades and scores don't guarantee entrance into any selective school. Stanford accepts just 5 percent of those who apply. But knowing the stats of the incoming class can help students eliminate long-shot choices and focus on schools where they're more likely to gain admission.

### Target the schools that want you

Having grades and test scores that are above the school's average can help with both odds of admission and financial aid packages, college consultants say.

The best financial aid deals may come not from highly selective schools or large public universities but from smaller liberal arts colleges that are trying harder to attract good

applicants, says Vita Cohen, a college consultant in Chicago.

"I tell students, 'Please consider being the big fish in a smaller pond,'" Cohen says. "Why wouldn't you want to be at a place where they're throwing rose petals at your feet?"

Clues to how a school evaluates applicants can be found in the data set's "admissions factors." These detail how each school weighs 19 admissions criteria, from class rank to extracurricular activities.

Many schools, for example, rate as "very important" the difficulty of the applicant's high school courses and his or her academic grade point average. Some heavily weigh standardized tests; others don't.

"Level of applicant's interest" is another differentiator. Colleges care about their "yield," or the percentage of applicants who accept an offer of admission. Some want to see definite signs of interest from applicants, in-

cluding campus visits and responses to emails from the admissions office.

### Need aid? Avoid ungenerous schools

Most colleges don't fully meet the financial need of their students, even after federal student loans are factored in. Families are expected to come up with the additional money on their own, often through parental or private student loans.

The size of those gaps depends on the generosity of each school.

The cost of attending New York University and the University of Southern California, for example, is roughly the same: about \$72,000 a year. USC, however, fully met the financial need of 80.4 percent of freshmen who received financial aid. NYU fully met the financial need of only 9.1 percent of its first-year aid recipients.

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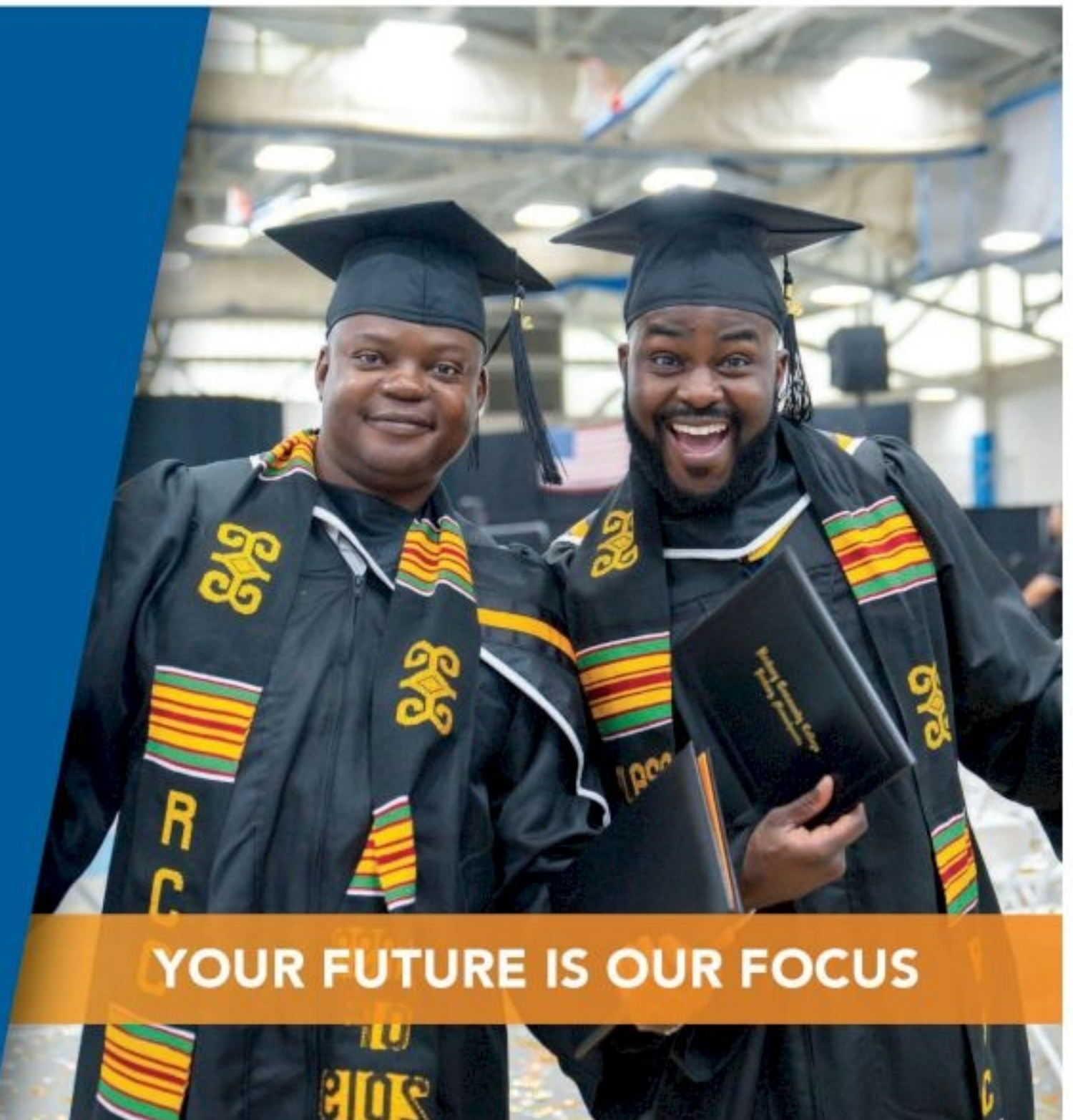
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At least in the fashion industry, it seems that they are not profitable. But were they ever? Metro investigates.

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She has more than 2 million followers, but was not even able to sell 36 T-shirts (she clarified that they were actually a lot more... 252). Arii (Arianna Renee), an 18 year old, became famous for showing online how influencers are not that great or unable to boost sales that much: The company she was promoting demanded a minimum of likes that she just could not meet. And her case is not the only one.

In fact, for the first quarter of this year, the proportion between likes and followers of specialized fashion profiles declined by almost two points compared to last year, according to the Influencer Marketing Benchmark Report 2019, from the consultant InfluencerDB. If we talk about interaction and engagement, the like-follower ratio (the interaction of influencers with followers) has dropped from 5.3 to 3.5 percent since last year. Furthermore, another study done by company Cheq and the University of Baltimore revealed that companies lost approximately \$1.4 billion when hiring influencers. Ten thousand of them were investigated, 25 percent of their followers were bought or manipulated their engagement even with sponsored posts.

Now, it is known that there are companies that openly buy followers, there was even a scandal for one that bought followers for celebrities (Devumi).

Added to that, in the United States only 36 percent of brands consider that using influencers for their sales is a successful strategy, which speaks of the

poor culture and super-saturation that exists with them. Not counting bad practices, both of brands and influencers, that accounts like What the Fake denounce (giveaways, begging for likes, asking for gifts) and scam scandals where influencers are discovered for selling fake promises, classes that are not worth taking or poor quality products, among others.

#### Why do we follow them?

"Everything has a saturation point. Facebook has become just contemplative. People hand out likes, but they comment a thousand times less and only share prefabricated memes. Now, brands have a big problem. They have people in front who have too many commitments and interests with the same influencers. It's a bit like the rope at a club: they just let in the ones they know," says coolhunter Gustavo Prado of Tendo agency. "From Day One it was obvious that influencers had no influence. We can like them, but they don't determine behavior. In the immediate future, the whole marketing issue has to be redefined, because it is based on totally wrong bases. The 'customer journey' does not interest consumers. People buy occasional things or always buy the same thing; outside of that, there is no way to change people's behavior. If they sell, it's because their origin is on YouTube. They are the only ones that really pull billions of views."

"What is authentic today, won't be tomorrow. Our mind is designed to ignore what we know and pay more

attention to what's new. On the other hand, the world of influencers, like everything that has to do with the digital world, is a world in its early childhood, so brands know that they have to do a lot of trial and error if they want results," explains digital marketing expert Ricardo Orrego to Metro.

Now, it is also true that people today focus more on experiences,

and perhaps a person with a prefabricated life (as has been seen in many cases) is not always ideal. And while there are influencers who propose other types of content with consistency and quality and even reach even more massive media such as television and gigantic brands, and there are segments in which they move better (microinfluencers), how

much will they impact in the future?

"Will the game for influence marketing end this year? This is due to the lack of transparency, trust and authenticity, which has only worsened due to the poor selection of influencers. As an agency, we want to evolve to overcome these obstacles and focus on the data. We do not believe that the influence marketing bubble will explode

and there are many signs that these actors continue to trust the industry," explains Leona McCaul in a FOUND marketing agency presentation. And this is the challenge for influencers, for those who guide their content and for consumers.

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# Kirsten Dunst sticks it to the man in 'On Becoming a God'

We spoke with the actress about her brand-new Showtime series.



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As the saying goes, we live in the land of hopes and dreams. That slogan practically rolls off the tongue and fits into song lyrics just as easily as clichés about changing seasons. But somewhere along the way, that faith in American mobility seemed to get lost in the shuffle. Nowadays, people have a harder time making ends meet and crossing over into a higher economic status than ever before. To make things worse, predatory multi-layered marketing companies — or should I say, pyramid schemes — have consistently appeared to take advantage of those down on their luck looking to change their lives as quickly as possible. The new Showtime series,

"On Becoming a God in Central Florida," starring Kirsten Dunst, follows a defiant and determined single mother and water park employee named Krystal Stubbs who is looking to get revenge on a pyramid scheme known as Founders American Merchandise that drained her family of their finances and drove her husband (Alexander Skarsgård) to his early demise. I caught up with Dunst to talk about the hilarious new show and getting to play the role of a lifetime as Krystal Stubbs.

**It's been a long time since I've started a show and instantly recognized that the main character was going to be instantly someone I was going to root for. I feel like Krystal Stubbs is certainly one of those. What initially drew you to this role and this project?**

Well when I read it, after doing "Fargo," I feel like people watch TV so much more now. So, I wasn't sure if I was going to do



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more TV, but this was the best pilot I read. It was so good. It was just so well written and so unique compared to anything else I'd seen. I always want to do things that are outside the box and different so this was something I knew that I'd want to see a show like this.

**Was "Fargo" a big turning point in the kind of characters you look for these days? Does the slow build of television appeal to you more than**

it would be a joy for me to do.

The show revolves around a predatory multi-level marketing system (pyramid scheme) known as Founders American Merchandise. Did working on this show make you sympathize more with people who have been tricked into believing they can get rich with these kinds of schemes? I mean it's terrible because it's always lower-income people who can't live off of minimum wage. It just feeds off of people that are in hard situations. It's really depressing. I remember watching the Herbalife documentary ["Betting on Zero"] and it's so hard to watch these poor people or immigrants or people who put all of their money into these things hoping that they can give a better life to their families. We delve into all of that in this series as well.

**There is this big turning point where Krystal**

seems to say, "I'm not going to be a sucker anymore," and she starts working for Founders with hopes to take it down from the inside. Was that righteous revenge story something that excites you about the role?

Totally! Whenever they explained to me what Krystal was going to do, it seemed like a fun journey. It's like taking down the man! Even though she's not in the position to, she's just doing everything she can to manipulate and get herself into that world so that she can get her life back. But also, it's kind of her only option at the time. She just has the water park job. She's a good people person and showman. If we get a second season, I feel like Krystal is going to become a really powerful force on her own and probably become what she hates as well.

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# Making make-believe believable

Marlon Wayans talks new film "Sextuplets" and tackling seven characters.



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It's no secret that Marlon Wayans can transform into unrecognizable characters for his films. Audiences have seen the New York native transform into a bleached-blond socialite in the 2004 smash hit "White Chicks" and into an infant-sized criminal in the 2006 film "Little Man." But Wayans' latest film, "Sextuplets," may be his most complicated achievement yet.

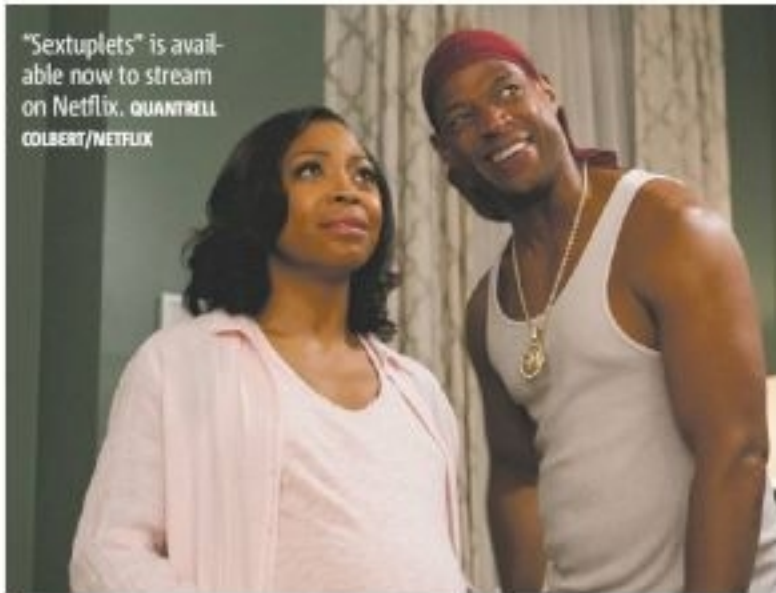
Netflix's "Sextuplets" follows the story of an expecting father, Alan, who finds the address of his long-lost mother, discovers he actually has five other displaced siblings, and embarks on a lively journey to reconnect them all. The whopping seven main

roles are all played by Wayans, and the seasoned actor had big plans when he took on this project.

"I think it was the challenge that initially intrigued me of playing seven characters and seeing if I could make them all different, and seeing if I could build seven characters that you actually like or care about," says Wayans. "Even though it's the same guy doing it, the minute you meet the other brothers I wanted you to forget that it was the same guy playing both roles. When I met Russell, I didn't feel like I was meeting Marlon, I felt like I was meeting somebody completely different. Then Dawn, after the first initial look at her, I really started forgetting that it was me in all of these roles. It became a fun journey. That was my whole goal, if I could forget that it was me, then I think it would be enjoyable for the audience."

When Wayans first received the script, it took

"Sextuplets" is available now to stream on Netflix. QUANTRELL COLBERT/NETFLIX



some time to create the seven unique characters from the film. Although they are all related, every single character had their own voice, ticks and style that were as colorful and unique as you could imagine. "These characters came from a script Mike Glock had written, and when I read the script I thought it could be fun. Once we did our re-write and put our flavor on it, I simultaneously started thinking about their voices

and what [each character] would look like. There was a lot that went into this. It's a silly, slapstick comedy but there are layers."

If you think that taking on a film where you have to transform into seven different people daily for almost two months sounds rigorous, you'd be absolutely right.

"Everything was a challenge. The heat, the weight of the costume, fatigue — just everything. It's a lot doing a movie like this.

I would go in at 3 o'clock in the morning and be in makeup for about six or seven hours. After makeup, I worked sometimes 15-18 hours and then another hour and a half to take the makeup off. I would go home and sleep for two to three hours and then go back to set to do the same thing for 50 days. It was very tough, but it was fun, and in between when they said 'action' and 'cut,' I had the best time," says Wayans.

Aside from the challenges that came from makeup and the hours of filming, a lot of thought, work and talent had to come into play when Wayans' only scene partner was himself. "Sometimes people were standing there and sometimes there was just a stick. Making movies is making believe, but this movie really made make-believe believable," says Wayans. "We filmed it where the camera was moving, and the people were moving and I was

interacting with myself. I was passing me things and I was grabbing things from myself — so it was very hard to do. With all of the camera work and CGI that went into it, we basically did an 'Avengers'-type shoot on a 'Soul Plane' budget."

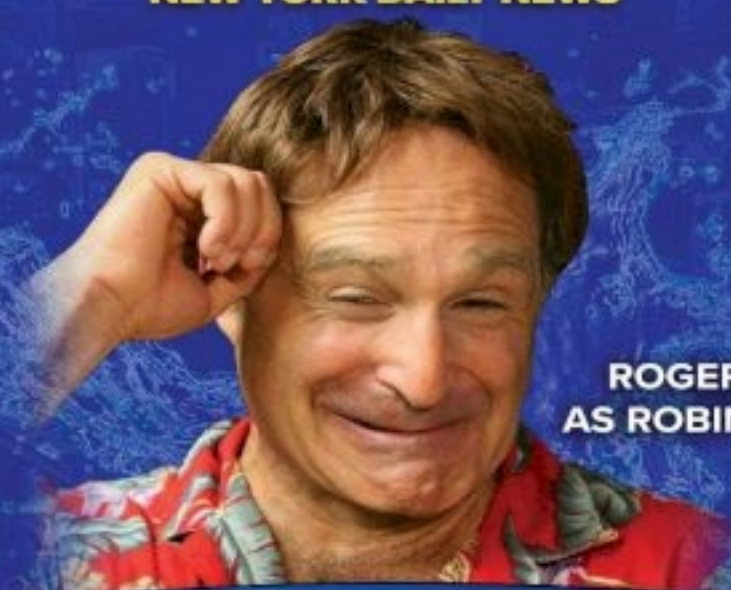
The film is reminiscent of a Wayans comedy. There's over-the-top antics that involve car chases, stolen kidneys and a parking-lot brawl, lots of back and forth between polar-opposite personalities, and family undertones that give the comedic story line a little more flavor.

For Wayans, the family aspect is what he hopes audiences will take away from the film, other than just slapstick laughter. "Any movie I do that's a comedy, I want people to laugh and feel good about the laughs they had. But with 'Sextuplets,' it's also the overall message about family."

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Next year, special brain chips could allow people to connect their brains to machines. Metro investigates whether we will live in the "Matrix" in the future.

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Technology entrepreneur Elon Musk has recently revealed information about the progress of his secretive start-up, Neuralink, in creating a wireless implantable device that will be capable of connecting our minds to machines. The announcement, accompanied by the fact that the tests showed a monkey was

capable of controlling a "computer with its brain" and claiming that human tests will start in 2020, has shocked the world and sparked a debate on whether this tech could save humanity in the future.

"We have no chance without a bio tech, and a brain tech is a part of it," Nataliya Kosmyna, Ph.D, researcher at MIT Media Lab, Fluid Interfaces group, explained to Metro. "We should all understand one thing about the current state of the world: The environment around us is changing all the time, but not us. We are extremely limited creatures. Our bodies and, more importantly, our brains are not evolving, especially by themselves. It requires a lot of work."

She added: "We are also limited by the technology of our time." But we are really great at learning new things, creating new tech and new intelligence which can ultimately help us as well as the next generations to survive and to thrive. With the era



of AI and brain headsets and implants, we now have a great opportunity to test limitless number of outcomes, solutions in all combinations and environments possible, to select the ones that would match each person the best to improve their parameters and abilities on both cognitive and genetic levels."

Virginia de Sa from the Department of Cognitive Science at the University

of California San Diego, on the other hand, believes that such technology is not necessary for "healthy humans":

"Currently benefits only exist for completely locked-in patients and they provide a way of reading out brain activity — a way of interacting with the world that is not possible through the natural pathways. Again, though, there are other noninvasive options but those me-

thods also currently have drawbacks," she stated.

But for those who are willing to undergo brain surgery to get such an implant, it could potentially open a countless number of new experiences and opportunities ... although at a cost. Users might gain the ultimate access to control any object around using just thoughts and send commands by thinking about them. They could have a way to restore the movement in limbs after an accident, and have a new way to communicate with loved ones, as well as an opportunity to boost mental or physical performance, or become extremely attentive, focused, and regain a good memory.

"Each of these examples already exists in both forms — factors of the implants but also as noninvasive headsets. It is already a reality," @nataliyakosmyna commented. "But to date, wires inserted in the brain have not been able to survive longer than just several years. It means

that a person who has already undergone a brain surgery will need to get that implant removed and replaced, thus killing a significant amount of brain volume. As specialists point out, there will also be damage to the blood vessels, which would cause mini-strokes as well as damage to the scar tissue. In line with a lot of other researchers, I focus my work on noninvasive solutions that might be less precise currently, but do not provide the same damage as invasive tech."

So, will we live in a sort of "Matrix" in the future, with superhumans dominating the world? According to experts, our lives are constantly changing thanks to new developments. And AI is the core tech which will turn our lives upside down.

"There will be superhumans and they will dominate the world, but I believe that ultimately it would be each of us, as it is our only way to evolve and reach new heights," Kosmyna concluded.

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## SPORTS

## It's all coming up Patriots

The rest of the NFL can't get out of its own way while the Pats stay eternally steady.



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A year ago at this time the Patriots had more question marks than The Riddler has on his sleeve as the team was still haunted by all of the uneasiness before and after the loss to the Eagles in Super Bowl LII.

But Bill Belichick erased all of the noise last fall and this past winter, as the Patriots led a mostly drama-free existence on their way to yet another Super Bowl crown.

Yeah, there has been the endless drama surrounding Tom Brady's contract this summer. But when you take a glance around the rest of the NFL — particularly right now, just 10 days away from the start of the regular

season — you really appreciate just how good we have it here.

Everything is again coming up Patriots.

Just take a look at some of the Pats' main contenders in the AFC this year.

#### Colts

Indy was getting a ton of buzz as a Super Bowl sleeper this year as they added defensive end Justin Houston and wide receiver Devin Funchess. But the absolutely stunning news Saturday night of Andrew Luck's retirement at 29 years of age due to overbearing punishment to his body, quickly made the Colts a favorite to land in the basement of the AFC instead.

One Patriots note to watch with Indy regards backup quarterback Brian Hoyer, whom the Colts might potentially target in a trade. You'll remember that the Pats traded backup Jacoby Brissett to Indy two years ago this week, and Belichick seems to be a fan of Jarrett Stidham, who has flashed in the preseason.

#### Texans

The Texans lost their leading running back, Lamar Miller, to an ACL injury this past weekend. Bill O'Brien is a top five candidate in the annual "first coach to get fired" pool, and Houston has the fourth-most difficult schedule of any team in the NFL.

#### Browns

Remember the 2011 Philadelphia Eagles? Vince Young dubbed them "The Dream Team" right before the start of the season as they had — on paper — a fantastic offseason led by the signing of Nnamdi Asomugha, Ronnie Brown, Jason Babin and others.

Of course, when you say something like that it never, ever works out as the karma police arrest you in the middle of the night.

Well, with all of the talking the Browns are doing right now, it certainly gives off some 2011 Eagles vibes.

None of the Browns' veteran leaders (Odell Beckham, Jarvis Landry) have ever won a thing, and they'll be relying on a ton of first or second year players to make the leap



Andrew Luck, left, announced his retirement from the NFL this past weekend.

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#### Chiefs

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won't be quite as good.

The Patriots' AFC Championship Game opponents almost always regress the following season.

The Jaguars took a huge step back last season after making the title game in 2017.

The Steelers, the Pats' AFC title game opponent in 2016, got bumped off in the divisional round at home (by Jacksonville) in 2017.

The Broncos fell off a cliff the year after they

played the Pats.

Ditto for the 2015 Colts.

Also going against the Chiefs this year is the fact that they have the fifth-hardest schedule in the league, and they also lost Houston, Dee Ford, Eric Berry and Kareem Hunt.

Never has there been this amount of year-to-year upheaval in the NFL (with the exception of the Patriots, of course). The Chiefs could very well take a surprising step back this season.

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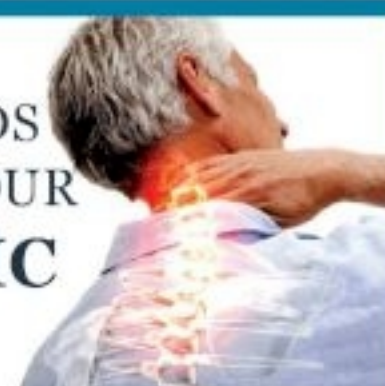
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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(SEAL)

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### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Patricia Clarke** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**Santander Bank, N.A.**, formerly known as **Sovereign Bank N.A.**, formerly known as **Sovereign Bank**, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston (Hyde Park)**, numbered **109 Bateman Street**, given by **Patricia Clarke to Sovereign Bank**, dated **December 22, 2006**, and recorded in **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40997, Page 192**, as affected by a **Loan Modification** dated **May 1, 2009**, and recorded in **Said Registry of Deeds in Book 45119, Page 345**, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **September 23, 2019** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on August 6, 2019  
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**Deborah J. Patterson**  
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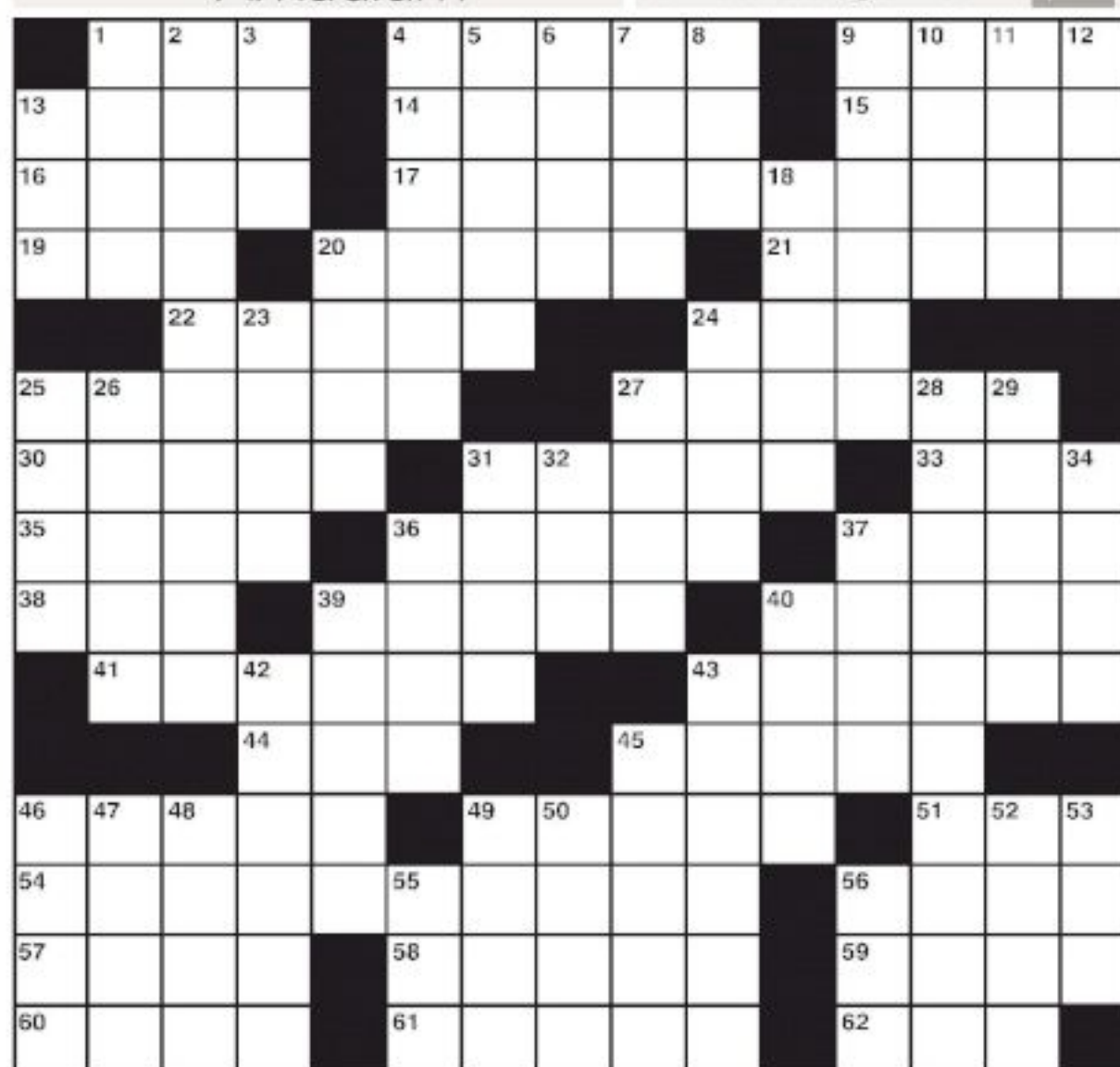
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14 Once more  
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17 Local language  
19 CBS drama  
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22 Word after decimal or exclamation  
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30 NASCAR's Richard \_\_\_  
31 Rigg or Ross  
33 By way of  
35 Chopping tools  
36 Most terrible  
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38 Bill denomination  
39 Fellows

40 Warm jacket  
41 Leisurely walk  
43 Smith of "Charlie's Angels"  
44 Diving seabird  
45 Ropers' competition  
46 Accepted standards  
49 Enjoys a long bath  
51 Mistaken  
54 Cheerfulness  
56 Short one-act play  
57 Jailbird's home  
58 Stomach woe  
59 Group of cattle  
60 Kind of jerk  
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62 Linear measures: abbr.

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1 Farm animals  
2 Almighty  
3 French article  
4 Largest songbirds  
5 Insurance policy seller  
6 Word attached to K or Wal  
7 Canisters  
8 Stop \_\_\_ dime  
9 School no-show  
10 Artist's paints, often  
11 "Shoo!"

12 Hopping mad  
13 Ad \_\_\_ committee  
18 Most populous nation  
20 Salt Lake \_\_\_  
23 Steed's supper  
24 Let off steam  
25 Kerfuffle  
26 Witch's spells  
27 Church service  
28 Failed to notice  
29 Perilous  
31 Barbie or Ken  
32 Outrage  
34 Bald \_\_\_ eagle  
36 Johnny Cash's "I \_\_\_ the Line"  
37 Mantilla fabric  
39 Meek one  
40 Cushions  
42 Walk about aimlessly  
43 Wild cards  
45 Marathon participant  
46 Whiplash site  
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**Aries** An open mind will help you see problems. If you look at all sides of a situation, you will come up with a solution that suits everyone. Don't leave anyone out.



**Taurus** Take the initiative and follow your heart. Whether you are making personal changes or starting a new project, believe in your ability and shoot for the stars. Romance is encouraged.



**Gemini** Someone will lead you astray if you are gullible. Question anything that sounds suspicious. It's up to you to protect your interests. Focus on good health and saving money.



**Cancer** A chance to share something special is heading your way. If you discuss plans with a loved one, you will turn your dream into a reality. Romance is in the stars.



**Leo** Know what you want and make your move. Consistency will be required if you're going to gain respect and support. If someone procrastinates, step up and take charge.



**Virgo** Make the necessary changes required to achieve success. You need to embrace whatever it takes to reach your professional or personal goal. Romance is in the stars.



**Libra** Use caution when discussing projects with peers. Someone is likely to misquote you or use your ideas to get ahead. Strategic action will be required to avoid interference.



**Scorpio** Positive change will transpire if you make plans with someone who can offer you information, direction or solutions. Romance is featured. Think about your emotional and spiritual upbringing.



**Sagittarius** Head in a direction that will encourage learning and making personal improvements. Listen to your heart, not to what someone is trying to get you to believe. Hold on to your cash.



**Capricorn** Consider your plans, go over every detail and make your dreams come true. A change at home will encourage better relationships with loved ones. Romance is on the rise.



**Aquarius** Don't let anyone spread rumors or tell lies, or you will become part of the problem instead of the solution. Be true to yourself and to your loved ones.



**Pisces** Aim for efficiency. A minimalist approach to dealing with others and living your life will result in peace of mind and more time to enjoy the finer things. EUGENIA LAST

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